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1. IN VIEW OF SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO TRANSFERRING SOCP FROM COE TO USMTM WE BELIEVE THAT SOCP OUGHT TO STAY WHERE IT IS. THE ARGUMENT FOR THE TRANSFER HAS ITS MERITS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE SAUDIS ARE PAYING FOR IT WE OUGHT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH WHAT THEY WANT.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK THAT ISSUE IS NECESSARILY DEAD. USMTM MAY BE ABLE TO CONVINCE MODA OF ITS ABILITY TO HANDLE SOCP THROUGH THE EXAMPLE OF ITS MANAGING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TRACKED VEHICLES BEING ACQUIRED UNDER THE URGENT REQUIREMENTS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

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3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONCUR WITH USMTM'S SUGGESTION

IN PARA 5 REF A OF CREATING A SUPER HEADQUARTERS TO
MANAGE ALL US MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN SAUDI ARABIA.
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